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—Lancelot Whyte

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World Travelers Now On The Continent

The round the world Argonauts led by Monroe and Isabel Smith spent several jam-packed days touring the new nation of Israel, which included a tour of Old Jerusalem by special dispensation of Arab authorities.

Among the highspots of the tour was a visit to the new magnificent \$1,000,000 YMOA in New Jerusalem.

Their stop-over in Istanbul included a bus trip along the historic Bosphorus and one member of the party with memories of ancient heroes dove into the choppy waters for a brief and cold swim.

The party also toured the bazaars and narrow streets of this ancient city and among other things Isabel Smith found and purchased an loon of the 16th century.

Following the day of activity in Istanbul the party took off for Athens.



MILLER

In Brattleboro, Vt., Memorial Hospital, August 18, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Miller of West Northfield.

STRAW HAT CIRCUIT

The Keene Summer Theatre will present "LOVE THEM" by Caesar Dunn, a world premiere, Monday through Saturday, August 29 to September 3. Evenings at 8:30.

Town Topics

Outside painting of the Friendship Center Building (formerly the AYH headquarters building) on Main street, has been completed. Some work on the surrounding grounds was done during the week, and work is proceeding on inside painting and decorating.

Summer residents of the Highlands are improving the private roads in that area. Frank W. Anderson is in charge of the grading and graveling work.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 26, OPC Meeting, town hall 8 p. m.
August 27, Unitarian Church auction, church lawn, 1 p. m.
August 29, GI Insurance dividend claim forms available at 2 p. m. at the home of Service Officer, Stanley Payson, Main street.
September 7, VFW Auxiliary meeting, Post Home, 8 p. m.
September 9, OPC Forum, town hall, 8 p. m. Subject: Regional Consolidation.
September 10 and 11, Salvation Army Concerts and Revival meeting, Town Hall, Saturday, 7:30 p. m., Sunday, 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.
September 14, VFW Meeting, Post Home, 8 p. m.

Home Cooked Food

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The Manchester, Conn. Band, appearing in Northfield at the town hall, September 10 and 11. Saturday evening program at 8 p. m. On Sunday two programs, one beginning at 3 p. m., while the other, an old fashioned revival meeting begins at 7:30 p. m. A chorus, a cornetist and a large staff of speakers will round out the week end program. Admission is free for all events. Everyone is welcome.

INFORMATION for VETERANS Questions - Answers

Q—What effect has a bad conduct discharge on burial allowance of my husband?

A—There is no allowance in his case, since the legal requirement for the type of separation from service is not met.

Q—I was honorably discharged from the Women's Army Corps, and am assured I meet eligibility requirements for Federal benefits. In case of emergency, will the Government assume my hospital expenses in a private hospital without prior VA authorization?

A—The Government will pay for such emergency treatment in a private hospital for a service-connected ailment, or for a non-service-connected condition determined as aggravating the disability from the basic service-connected disorder, or for treatment to prevent the interruption of vocational training under Public Law 16, provided Government facilities are not feasibly available and delay would be hazardous.

Q—My daughter married while in the service and after her discharge died of a service-connected disability. Is the surviving husband entitled to accrued monetary benefits?

A—Yes, provided claim for compensation has been filed by the veteran during her lifetime.

Q—My compensation has been cut, although my disabilities are

worse. How can I get another examination?

A—You may submit a statement from your attending physician, giving in detail the symptoms which he finds on examination together with a complete diagnosis of your condition. This should be forwarded to the Adjudication Officer of the Regional Office having your case folder. If, in the judgement of the Rating Board, a re-examination is warranted on the basis of such evidence, one will be requested.



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister. Sunday, August 28, 11:00 a. m., Public Worship. The Reverend Merrill M. Moore, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, will preach.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

South Vernon, Vt. Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone Services every Sunday, 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 11:45 a. m. Loyal Workers, 8:45 p. m. Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister. Services are discontinued for the month of August.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Pastor. Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

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Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor. Sunday, August 28, No Services.

Radio Sets

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LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS NIPPED BY VISITORS LAST INNING 8 RUN SURGE

The local Little League All-Stars were within one inning of upsetting the visiting South Farms team of Middletown, Conn., but lady luck opened the flood gates and the visitors collected 8 runs in the 6th inning to crush the all-stars, 9-3 at the local high school diamond last Saturday.

The Middletown team, league champions last year, have several seasons of play under their belts, while the local stars opened their schedule late in the year.

George Casey, director of the Little League, wants outside games for his 8-12 Little Leaguers. Call Northfield 860 for more information.

Summary:

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
South Farms Middletown						
M. Rybczyck, 2b	2	0	0	1	2	0
R. Rybczyck, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Patenaude, lf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Martin, lf	0	1	0	0	0	0
Blitgood, 1b	4	1	2	7	0	0
Lorene, ss, 3b	3	2	1	1	1	0
Olsen, rf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Bastura, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Womester, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Lefco, 3b, p	3	1	1	0	2	0
Schaffer, c	3	1	1	0	0	1
Havelche, 3b, p	2	2	2	0	1	0
Totals	29	9	10	18	7	1

Little League All-Stars

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
South Farms						
Mankowski, cf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Jack, 1b	2	0	0	10	0	0
Casey, p	2	1	0	0	0	1
Allen, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holloway, ss	3	1	1	1	3	0
Mello, lf, p	2	0	0	1	2	0
Repeta, 3b	2	0	0	2	1	0
Smith, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dave Hillier, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fortier, c	3	0	1	1	0	0
Don Hillier, 2b	2	0	1	1	0	1
Totals	21	3	4	18	6	2

Score by Innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
South Farms	0	0	1	0	0	8	—	—	—
All-Stars	2	0	0	1	0	0	—	—	—

Two base hits, Blitgood, Lorene, Schaffer; 3 base hit Holloway; home run Havelche; left on bases, All-Stars 5; South Farms 5; hits, off Casey, 7 in 5 1/3 innings, off Mello 2 in 2/3 innings, off Lefco 4 in 4 innings; hit by pitcher, by Lefco, Casey, Repeta, by Casey, Patenaude; struck out by Lefco 6, Havelche 4; base on balls, off Mello 2, Lefco 3; umpires, Gloski, Powell and Holton.

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G. I. INSURANCE DIVIDEND FORMS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS MONDAY

The Veterans Administration announced this week that the long awaited GI Insurance dividend forms would be available to all veterans at the beginning of this week.

Locally, Stanley Payson, Service Officer, for the Haven H. Spencer Post, American Legion and also for the Northfield Post, 9874, VFW, has set up the procedure for filling out the forms. He will be at his home on Main street, across from the Town Hall, ready to help all veterans at 2 p. m., Monday, August 29. Payson will provide this service through the rest of the week or so long as the service is needed. The hours each day will begin at 2 p. m. and extend through the evening.

Payson pointed out that this service is available to all veterans,

regardless of their affiliation with any veterans organization. Dependents of veterans who wish to file the claim can do so at this time.

Payson also pointed out that veterans, or their dependents, should have the following information with them when filling out these forms: Name, address, service serial number, branch of service, insurance number and prefix (N, V or H), VA Claim number (if any), and date of birth. They will of course be required to sign the application.

Payson added that the sooner the forms were filled out and forwarded to the VA the sooner machinery would be set in motion for future payments. Payments are expected to begin some time around the first of next year.

REGIONAL CONSOLIDATION SUBJECT AT SEPTEMBER PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

The Central Planning Committee of Northfield will hold an open forum for the public on the subject of "Regional Consolidation", at the town hall, on Friday, August 29, at 8 p. m.

be present during the evening to assist in the discussion.

The bill is printed elsewhere in the PRESS.

It is anticipated that all other towns in School Union 22 will be represented at this forum.

The next step following the forum will be the calling of a special town meeting. This meeting would be called for the purpose of appointing a three man committee to study the possibilities of regional consolidation.

TOWN TOPICS

George M. Leonard, Principal of the Northfield High School, has been attending Boston University this summer and is at present writing a thesis for his Master's Degree in Education.

Dr. J. Duane Squires, head of the department of Social Studies at Colby Junior College in New London, New Hampshire, will be the speaker at the D. A. R. meeting at 2:30 in the Cathedral in the Pines on August 28. Dr. Squires' mother

resides at the home of H. H. Morse on Birnam road. A daughter, Mrs. Bert Wabeke of Washington, is spending two weeks with her mother.

Richard Buffum has bought the Roger Greenwood home on Main street, and will be moving in a few weeks.

Dr. Howard Rubendall, performed the marriage ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Unsworth in Great Barrington, Mass., on August 18. Mr. Unsworth is a member of the Mount Hermon faculty.

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The First Step

The first in what should be a series of momentous meetings will be held at the town hall on Friday, September 9.

This forum, sponsored by the Central Planning Committee and open to the public, is an important step for this community, this county and this state.

The forum, called to discuss and explore the possibility of regional consolidation by the five towns of School Union 22, should be attended by every citizen of the community. In order that the regional consolidation issue be given every opportunity a continuity of understanding must be maintained by all residents and voters. In other words, you shouldn't miss a meeting.

The implications of this proposed consolidation are too great for a cursory and incomplete understanding.

To assist the people in getting to understand the question the PRESS is printing the complete bill as passed by the General Court. It would be wise if every reader clipped the bill from the PRESS and saved it for future study and reference.

The Sept. 9 date ought to be kept open by every voter, and taxpayer, in order to be at the town hall for the open forum.

Town Topics

Mrs. A. H. Wright, formerly of this town, visited Mrs. Mildred Nims this past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wyman leave August 26 for a vacation in Canada.

Miss Alice Zanos of Vassar College, now an employee of The Northfield, attended the final concert at Tanglewood on August 14. Miss Zanos came to the United States three years ago, representing Greece in an International Girl Scout convention in Pennsylvania.

Seventy Rickert's attended the Rickert family reunion in Dutchess County, New York on August 7.

Mrs. Grace Cornell has had the following guests vacationing at her home: Mrs. Franklin McKeever, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Charles Casall, Yonkers, N. Y.; Miss Christine McFadden, New York City; Miss Harriet Weaver, Glen Rock N. J.; Mrs. J. M. Lent, Attleboro, Mass.; Mrs. Bessie Klingenberg, Somerville, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchings, Spring Valley, N.Y.; and Mrs. Goetz, Junior and Senior, Ridgewood, N. J.

Miss Eleanor Merriam, a teacher at the High School, is attending Boston University this summer.

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- 27—Kellogg Pact signed, 1928.
- 28—Second Battle of Bull Run, 1862.
- 29—International golf matches started, 1922.
- 30—Arrival of French Fleet at Chesapeake Bay, 1781.
- 31—Amundsen completed first navigation of Northwest Passage, 1906.

SEPTEMBER

- 1—Air express started, 1927.
- 1—Northfield, Mass. Day.

CHAPTER 638

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-nine AN ACT to authorize the Formation of Regional High School Districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sections 14 and 16, inclusive, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and by inserting in place thereof the following sections: REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD.

SECTION 14. Any two or more towns, by vote in town meeting duly called therefor, may create a special unpaid board to be known as a regional school district planning board, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, from participating town, to be appointed by the moderator; and may at the same meeting or at a subsequent meeting appropriate for the expense for said board such sum or sums, not exceeding one tenth of one percent of the assessed valuation of such town in the preceding year, as it may deem necessary. The said board shall organize forthwith upon its appointment by the election of a chairman and secretary-treasurer.

SECTION 14A. It shall be the duty of the said planning board to study the advisability of establishing a regional school district, its organization, operation and control, and of constructing, maintaining and operating a school or schools to serve the needs of such district; to estimate the construction and operating costs thereof; to investigate the methods of financing such school or schools, and any other matters pertaining to the organization and operation of a regional school district; and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the selectmen of the several towns.

SECTION 14B. If the said board recommends that a regional school district should be established, it shall also submit a proposed agreement setting forth: (a) the number, composition, method of selection, and terms of office of the members of the regional school district school committee. (b) The town or towns in which the regional school district school or schools are to be located. (c) The type of regional district school or schools. (d) The method of apportioning the expenses of the regional school district, and the method of apportioning the costs of school construction, including any interest and retirement of principal of any bonds or other obligations issued by the district among the several towns comprising the district, and the time and manner of payment of the shares of the several towns of any such expense. (e) The method by which school transportation shall be provided, and if such transportation is to be furnished by the district, the manner in which the expenses shall be borne by the several towns. (f) The terms by which any town may be admitted to or separated from the regional school district. (g) The method by which the agreement may be amended. (h) The detailed procedure for the preparation and adoption of an annual budget. (i) Any other matters, not incompatible with law, which the said board may deem advisable. Copies of such agreement shall be submitted to the emergency finance board, established under chapter forty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, and the department of education, and, subject to their approval, to the several towns for their acceptance.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. SECTION 15. The selectmen of the several towns shall, upon receipt of a recommendation that a regional school district should be formed, and of a proposed agreement therefor submitted in accordance with

the provisions of sections fourteen and fourteen B, inclusive, or otherwise, in the form and with the approval required by said sections, direct the town clerk to cause the question of accepting the provisions of this and the following 10 sections to be placed on the official ballot used for the election of town officers at the next annual town election, or at any special town meeting called for the purpose, in substantially the following form: Shall the town accept the provisions of section sixteen to sixteen I, inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a regional school district, together with the towns of, and, etc., and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the selectmen? If a majority of the voters present and voting on said question in each of the several towns shall vote in the affirmative, said sections sixteen to sixteen I, inclusive, shall become effective and the proposed regional school district shall be deemed to be established forthwith in accordance with the terms of the agreement adopted.

SECTION 14. A regional school district established under the provisions of the preceding section shall be a body politic and corporate with all the powers and duties conferred by law upon school committees, and with the following additional powers and duties: (a) To adopt a name and a corporate seal. (b) To sue and be sued, but only to the same extent and upon the same conditions that a town may sue or be sued. (c) To acquire property within the towns comprising the district under the provisions of chapter seventy-nine and section fourteen of chapter forty for the purposes of the district, and to construct, reconstruct, add to, equip, organize and operate a school or schools for the benefit of the towns comprising the district, and to make any necessary contracts in relation thereto. (d) To incur debt for the purpose of acquiring land and constructing, reconstructing, adding to, and equipping a school building or buildings for a term not exceeding twenty years; provided, however that any indebtedness so incurred shall not exceed an amount approved by the emergency finance board; and provided, further, that no debt may be incurred until the expiration of thirty days from the date said debt was authorized by the district committee; and prior to the expiration of said period any member town of the regional school district may call a town meeting for the purpose of expressing disapproval of the amount of debt authorized by the district committee, and if at such meeting a majority of the voters present and voting thereon express disapproval of the amount authorized by the district committee, the said debt shall not be incurred and the district school committee shall thereupon prepare an alternative proposal and a new or revised authorization to incur debt. (e) To issue bonds and notes in the name and upon full faith and credit of said district; said bonds or notes shall be signed by the chairman and treasurer of the district committee and each issue of bonds or notes shall be a separate loan. (f) To receive and disburse for any district purpose. (g) To incur temporary debt in anticipation of revenue to be received from member towns. (h) To assess member towns for any expenses of the district. (i) To receive any grants or gifts for the purpose of the regional school or schools. (j) To engage legal counsel. (k) To submit an annual report to each of the member towns, containing a detailed financial statement, and a statement showing the method by which the annual charges assessed against each town were computed, together with such additional information relating to the operation and maintenance of such school or schools as may be deemed necessary by the district school committee or by the selectmen of any member town. (l) To employ a superintendent of schools who may also be a superintendent of one or more of the towns comprising said district, and said superintendent shall have all the powers and duties imposed upon school superintendents by law. (m) To adopt an annual operating and maintenance budget, not later than December first.

SECTION 16A. The powers, duties and liabilities of a regional school district shall be vested in and exercised by a regional school district school committee organized in accordance with the agreement. The committee shall choose a chairman by ballot from its membership. It shall appoint a secretary and a treasurer who may be the same person, but who need not be members of said committee. The treasurer shall receive and take

charge of all money belonging to the district and shall pay any bill of the district which shall have been approved by the committee. The treasurer may, by vote of the committee, be compensated for his services. The treasurer of said district shall be subject to the provisions of sections thirty-five, fifty-two and one hundred and nine A of chapter forty-one, to the extent applicable.

SECTION 16B. The regional district school committee shall annually determine the amounts necessary to be raised to maintain and operate the district school or schools during the ensuing calendar year, and the amounts required for payment of debt and interest incurred by the district which will be due in said year, and shall apportion the amount determined among the several towns in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The amounts so apportioned for each town shall, prior to December thirty-first in each year, be certified by the regional district treasurer, to the treasurers of the several towns. Each town shall, at the next annual meeting, appropriate the amounts so certified, and in case any such town fails to pay over to the treasurer of said district the amount of its apportionment within the time specified in said agreement for such payment, the district school committee shall invoke the provisions of section thirty-four. The town treasurer shall pay the amount so appropriated or any amount ordered to be raised by court decree to said district at the time or times specified in the agreement.

SECTION 16C. The regional school district shall be subject to all laws pertaining to school transportation; and when the agreement provides for the furnishing of transportation by the district, the apportioned cost of transportation shall be incurred with any other school transportation costs incurred in computing state aid due it.

SECTION 16D. Each town comprising the regional school district shall continue to receive state aid for educational purposes in the amount to which it would be entitled if such district had not been formed; and such regional school district shall be entitled to receive state aid for construction of regional schools.

SECTION 16E. The director of accounts in the department of corporations and taxation shall annually cause an audit to be made of the accounts of the regional district school committee, and for this purpose he, and his duly accredited agents, shall have access to all necessary papers, books and records. Upon completion of such audit, a report thereon shall be made to the chairman of the district committee, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the chairman of the selectmen and of the school committee of each town which is a member of the district. The director shall apportion the cost among the several towns which are members of the district on the basis provided by section fourteen B and submit the amounts of each apportionment to the state treasurer, who shall issue his warrant requiring the assessors of the towns which are members of the district to assess a tax to the amount of the expense, and such amounts shall be collected and paid to the state treasurer as provided by section twenty of chapter forty-nine.

SECTION 16F. The regional school district shall maintain a contributory retirement system for non-teaching employees of the district, subject in all respects to the applicable provisions of chapter thirty-two.

SECTION 16G. No town in a regional school district shall be liable for any obligation imposed on any other town in said district by authority of sections fourteen and sixteen I, inclusive, or of any agreement thereunder, any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 16H. The members of the aforesaid emergency finance board when acting under said sections shall receive from the commonwealth compensation to the same extent as provided under chapter three hundred and sixty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, as amended including chapter seventy-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five.

SECTION 16I. If any provision of said section or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of said sections and the application of such provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections fourteen to sixteen I, inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, inserted by section one of this act, one or more towns, pursuant to the provisions of sections fourteen to sixteen inclusive, of said chapter in the form of existing prior to the enactment of this act,

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House of Representatives, July 27, 1940 Passed to be enacted, (s) Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker. In Senate, July 27, 1940 Passed to be enacted, (s) Chester A. Dolan, Jr., President. (s) Paul A. Dever, Governor. August 2, 1940: Approved.

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By Gertrude G. Whitney

This morning I heard a poem over the radio that went like this: Two are destined to be born and never meet. Their tastes will be alike and each will yearn for the other. They may pass one another and not know it. Each will have a wistful, never-satisfied yearning for the other all through life, but never meet. "That is Fate," ends the poem. A sad thought, but many have felt thus in a more or less vague way.

For myself, I have often had a feeling of having arrived at a scene too late. Someone with "the understanding heart" had passed out of the picture before I arrived and had left a great void. Celia Thaxter, for instance in her island home, was not only a sympathetic interpreter of nature in charming verse, but she must have been a broad-minded, large-hearted woman whom it would be a privilege to know.

Once, when spending a few days at Star Island, Isles of Shoals, I took a boat and rowed across to Appledore. I followed a path across the middle of the island. A little brown bird deliberately put herself in my way and feigned a broken wing, attracting attention to herself lest I find her fledglings in the nearby bushes.

I finally came to the exact location of the poet's happy home where she had tended her flowers, made her own dresses, brought up a family and still had time to write a great deal, now and then entertaining kindred souls. But the house had been burned to the ground some time before. I looked sadly about the ruins, picked up a few fragments of china and twisted glass, taking note of the matrimony vine and old maid's pink that had persisted. Do you know the matrimony vine? It bears twin flowers

of different colors on the same stem — pale yellow and a reddish lavender. This place should have been guarded against fire and kept as a shrine to the memory of the author of "The Sandpiper" and many other poems which still have a universal appeal. Her life and letters are well worth reading. I would also recommend her "Island Garden" as delightful reading, also her historical sketches, "Among the Isles of Shoals."

And thus it was, only recently, I visited the "Bog of Etchowag", in East Pownal, Vermont, many years after Grace Greylock Niles had traversed the region from one end to the other, with her vasculum (for holding botanical specimens) slung over her shoulder and her faithful dog Major for protection, and afterwards wrote so authoritatively of the rare orchids she found there in her "Bog-Trotting for Orchids". How I would have liked to accompany her on those trips! Local people remembered her well and certain ones still go after lady's slippers in their season in the same places where she found them.

Tradition has it that some parts of these bogs have no bottom. A former resident told me that he was once asked to take a contract to place a line of telephone poles across the bogs. "Why don't you take the job?" he asked the other man. "Oh, I wouldn't risk my Percheron in those bog-holes!" was the reply. "Well, I wouldn't risk my team, either, although they may not be thoroughbreds like yours," my friend replied. The poles were dragged across by hand and cautiously set up without losing a man.

3 Baths in a Lifetime

During the 17th and 18th centuries, the average woman took only three baths during her lifetime — at birth, at marriage and after death.

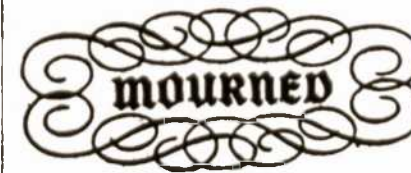
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(Compiled at State planning board)

DO YOU KNOW THAT ... of the 39 offices of the Massachusetts Division of Employment security distributed throughout the state, all but two by early August showed a lightening of the unemployment claim load. The median decline in unemployment was 23%, compared with the high for each place earlier this year ... The greatest improvement appears in Boston and its nine nearby cities, but Worcester district was a close second and the district north of Boston a good third ... The six offices showing a drop of 40% or more in unemployment claims were: Hyannis 77%, Gloucester 76%, Marlborough, 63%, Waltham 48%, Haverhill 41%, and Northampton 40%. ... Gypsy moths have been practically eliminated on Cape Cod this summer by spraying from airplanes, a method that seems likely to be extended to the whole state ... Notwithstanding the drought, the August 1 crop indications in Massachusetts point to 10,115,000 pounds of tobacco, 23% above the ten year average; 3,300,000 bushels of apples, 33% over the average; 525,000 tons of hay, 8% under the average and 2,397,000 bushels of potatoes, 20% under the ten year average ... The oldest state paper in existence

relating to Massachusetts is thought to be the first patent or charter given the Pilgrims by the Council for New England in London in 1621. The original is held by the Pilgrim Society in Plymouth, but a copy may be seen at the Massachusetts Historical Society's museum in Boston ... The town of Boxford at a recent special town meeting voted to uphold its zoning by-law.



JENNIE LOUISA KINSMAN

Jennie Louisa Kinsman died in Watertown, June 24, 1949.

She was born in Dublin, N. H., Sept. 9, 1864, the daughter of David Watson and Anna Miranda Adams Kinsman.

Most of her life was spent in Watertown and for nine years she was housemother at Fisher Cottage, Perkins Institute for the Blind in Watertown.

She spent sixteen summers on Rustic Ridge with her sister, Miss Elizabeth Kinsman a Ridge owner since 1908.

Miss Jennie was greatly interested in mission work. From the inception of the large Armenian

settlement in the home town she visited families regularly. She had charge of the Protestant Sunday School among them for fifteen years.

She is survived by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Kinsman.

MRS. MARY C. NEWTON

Mrs. Mary C. Newton, 89, died Sunday evening at the Bronson convalescent home, where she had been for six years. She was born in Saratoga, N. Y. Her husband, whom she married in Saratoga, was Edward H. Newton, who died in 1934. She had lived here about 60 years. Mrs. Newton lived on a farm on Wanamaker road until six years ago.

Survivors include a son, Fred Newton of Winchester road, a grandson, Stanley Newton of Hinton, W. Va., and two great grandchildren. The service was at the Kidder funeral home Wednesday, August 24 with Dr. Bronson officiating. Bearers were Fred Caldwell, Edward Bolton, Paul Jordan, and Watson Black. Burial was in Barber district cemetery, Winchester, N. H.

The Average Tax

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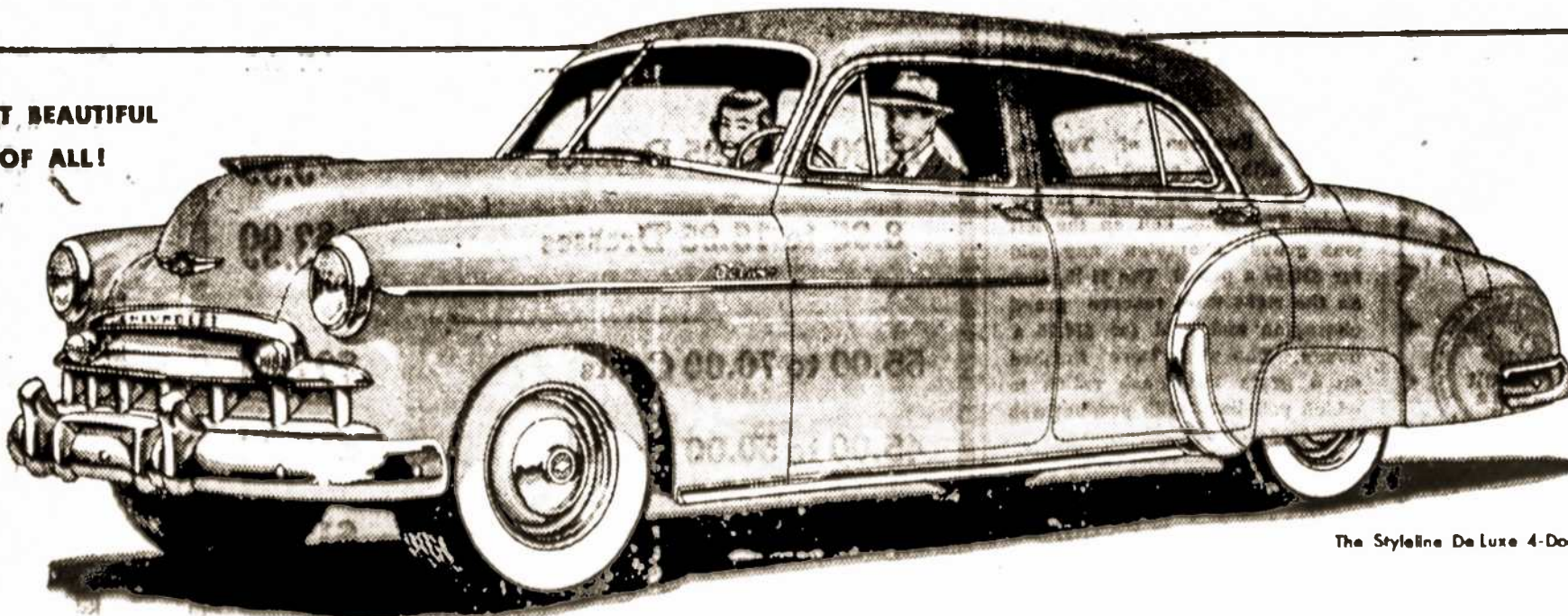
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British Vigilantes

The increasing tempo of burglaries and pilfering have called for the formation of vigilante committees not unlike those of the old frontier when Judge Colt was law.

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Dr. William A. Albrecht, chairman of the department of soils, University of Missouri college of agriculture, in discussing how soil microbes get their food, points out that they get it before growing crops get theirs.

\$732 Turkey



Elwood Swanson of Turlock, Calif., with his grand champion turkeys at the Far West turkey show. The 24-lb. hen on the left was grand champion and sold for \$34.50 a pound. The 41-lb. tom on the right was reserve grand champion and sold for \$18.75 a pound. The birds were finished on a grain and mash ration to which pelleted milk product was added.

Livestock Sanitation Gets Credit for Avian TB Curb

Professor F. E. Muschel of the University of Nebraska poultry husbandry department credits the work of the U. S. livestock sanitation association with doing much to reduce losses from avian tuberculosis. The livestock sanitation group comes into the picture, he explains, because avian tuberculosis was quite often found responsible for condemnation of hogs. Swine retentions for tuberculosis are lower.

A BOUNCING TRIO



These three personable young people are reputed to be the world's finest trampoline artists and will present an amazing round of thrilling stunts and frolicsome fun during the grandstand performances at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield Sept. 18 to 24. Paulette, the lovely centerpiece in this picture, is considered the foremost feminine performer on the bouncing net, one of her impossible feats being to pass her body through a hoop while jumping rope on the trampoline.

Town Topics

Miss Gloria Savcheff, a member of the faculty of the Northfield School for Girls, is attending the Boston University School of Music. The Northfield Water Company has hooked up with the East North-

field Water Company. This move has been made necessary by the very dry summer. Frank Williams has cautioned all users of the Northfield Water Company to exercise caution in their use of water until the supply in the reservoir is replenished.

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Work has been progressing on the widening and resurfacing of a section of South Mountain road. A short section of black top will

be added to the road.

A brush fire on the Ridge was quickly extinguished last week end. More than fifty cars followed the local fire apparatus to the scene of the fire. There was no property damage.

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